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10 June 1994

RE: Draft Report on the Interim Remedial Measures EKCO Housewares Facility, Massillon, Ohio

Dear Sally,

Enclosed for your review are three (3) copies of the Draft Interim Remedial Measures Report for the EKCO Housewares facility in Massillon, Ohio, prepared for American Home Products Corporation.

In addition to the hydrogeologic data included in the scope of the report, we are forwarding for your information some preliminary analytical results from the quarterly sampling conducted at the site in April/May 1994 (post-well rehabilitation). The analytical data is attached as Table A and indicates an order of magnitude drop in total VOC levels in bedrock wells R-1 and R-2 since their rehab. At this time, we are continuing to evaluate this data.

Please contact either myself at (610) 701-7273 or Patricia McDonald (AHP) at (201) 660-5590 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

ROY F. WESTON, INC

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March 31, 1994



OFFICE OF RCRA WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION EPA REGION V

Ms. Sally Averill
United States Environmental Protection Agency
RCRA Enforcement Section
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: EKCO Housewares Site, Work Assignment No. R05031

Interim Remedial Measures Field Notes for 3/22/94 through 3/29/94

Dear Ms. Averill:

Enclosed is one copy of the field notes for the Interim Remedial Measures oversight at the EKCO Housewares Plant in Massillon, Ohio, for the eight-day period of March 24, 1994 through March 29, 1994.

Personnel on-site during this period consisted of Barry Nelson, Jeff Stevenson, Steve Hulett, and Greg Tedrow of Metcalf & Eddy, Paul Landry of Weston, Doug Frontz and John O'Brien of Frontz Drilling.

Activities during this period consisted of retrofitting the R-wells (R-1, R-2, and R-3) with 2-inch stainless-steel monitoring wells installed inside the existing wells, installing and grouting of 8-inch diameter PVC liners within the existing steel casings in the W-wells (W-1, W-2, and W-10), abandoning well D-4-30, and conducting Caliper Logs, Natural Gamma Log, and Resistivity Log on wells W-1, W-10, W-2, and R-3.

The only deviation from the Draft final Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan occurred concerning the retrofitting of the R-wells. The Work Plan stated that a cement/bentonite plug would be installed in the bottom of the wells, to the top of the shale and argillaceous sandstone layer. This procedure would have led to grout contamination within the wells. It was decided and approved by yourself that a coarse gravel layer should be installed instead of the grout plug. This was communicated to Steve Hulett, Metcalf & Eddy, in a phone call on March 23, 1994.



Ms. Sally Averill March 31, 1994 Page 2

The field procedures employed by the PRP consultant, as observed by Metcalf & Eddy, Inc., were consistent with EPA-approved plans and protocols. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (614) 890-5501.

Sincerely,

METCALF & EDDY, INC.

Beth Wolf

Project Manager

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Project Hydrogeologist



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February 23, 1994

OFFICE OF RCRA WASTE MA MENT DIVISION EP. RL JON V

Sally Averill United States Environmental Protection Agency HRE-8J 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: Schedule for Interim Measures EKCO Housewares, Massillon, OH

Dear Ms. Averill:

I received your February 8, 1994 letter approving the Draft Interim Measures workplan for the EKCO Housewares facility, on February 15, 1994. In your letter you requested a detailed schedule of tasks to be performed. The schedule is provided below.

•	March 21, 1994	Site Mobilization
•	March 21-22	Pull well pumps and perform geophysical logging
•	March 22- April 1	Install casing liners in W-wells, retrofit R-wells, and abandon well D-4-30
•	April 4- May 2	Collect weekly groundwater levels in shallow, intermediate and deep zone wells
•	May 30	Submit draft IRM Report to EPA

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (201) 660-5590.

Sincerely,

Patricia W. McDonald

Manager

Environmental Affairs

cc: G. Moss, AHPC

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Pat McDonald American Home Products Corporation Five Giralda Farms Madison. New Jersey 07940

HRE-8J

RE: Appro

Approval of Draft Interim

Measures Work Plan EKCO Housewares

Dear Ms. McDonald:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed your draft final Interim Measures (IM) Work Plan dated December 1993, for the EKCO Housewares facility in Massillon, Ohio.

While U.S. EPA does not necessarily agree with all the background information and conclusions stated in the Interim Measures Work Plan we are in agreement about the work to be completed under the Interim Measures, therefore, the proposed Interim Measures Work Plan is approved. Please submit a detailed schedule for the tasks required in the (IM) Work Plan within fourteen days of receipt of this letter.

If you should have any questions, please contact Sally Averill at (312) 886-4439.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Boyle, Chief RCRA Enforcement Branch

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Sally Ann Averill
Office of RCRA, Region 5
US Environmental Protection Agency
HRE-8J
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: ECKO Housewares

Massillon, Ohio

Dear Ms. Averill:

Enclosed please find three copies of the "Draft Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan" for the EKCO Housewares site in Massillon, Ohio.

As has been discussed, the purpose of this work plan is to seal the well casings of six wells and properly abandon one well. These activities should eliminate any interaquifer communication and contaminant migration between aquifers which may be occurring at the site.

Please note that following completion of the rehabilitation activities, water level measurements will be taken in wells in all aquifer units to delineate the existing capture zone. It will then be determined whether additional recovery wells in the shallow aquifer are needed to continue recovering all site-related contaminated groundwater.

Please review this report and contact me at (201) 660-5590 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wells McDonald

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December 16, 1993

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cc: L. Bove, Weston



26 April 1991

Ms. Sally Averill Project Manager U.S. EPA - Region 5 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604

W.O. #2994-02-02

RE: Tank Tightness Test Report

EKCO Housewares, Massillon, OH

Dear Mr. Averill:

At the direction of American Home Products, WESTON is enclosing three copies of the IRM Report for the Underground Storage Tank Evaluation at the EKCO Housewares facility. The tank testing progressed as planned on 20 March 1991 under the observation of the EPA oversight contractor. The results of the test indicate that all four tanks were determined to not be leaking as defined within the accuracy of the test.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bob Zollner at (212) 878-5787 or Mr. H. G. Byer at (215) 344-3643.

Very truly yours,

ROY F. WESTON, INC.

Harold G. Byer, J Project Manager

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cc: R. Zollner - w/enclosures

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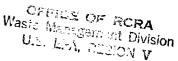
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9 November 1990

Ms. Sally Averill Project Manager U.S. EPA Region 5 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604

W.O. #2994-02-02

CFFICE OF RCRA



RE: EPA Letter dated 12 October 1990

Dear Ms. Averill:

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 1990 responding to the additional IRM activity we proposed in our earlier telephone conversations and in the work plan we submitted on 23 August 1990. We are still attempting to obtain financial support from the corporation and also must coordinate the site activity with EKCO before work can start on this additional effort. However, we believe a response to your letter is necessary so you can see that work will progress as expected, as soon as some of the logistical details can be resolved. Our itemized response is as follows:

- Item 1: The tightness test referenced in this item will utilize the Acu-Test Leak Computer System. This method is a temperature compensated, volumetric test system capable of detecting a leak in a tank(s) at a rate well within the 0.1 gal/hr capability noted in your letter of 12 October 1990. This system was the only system to meet and exceed all the U.S. EPA standards and was ranked first in their evaluation conducted at the Risk Reduction Laboratory in Edison, NJ. WESTON tested over 300 UST's in just over a one year time period using this system. It is used to test not only petroleum products, but chemical substances and hazardous waste tanks.
- Item 2: The tanks we propose to test are the tanks located along the western side of the building. These tanks apparently are your major area of concern, although we also expect to test the gasoline tank on the south side of the building and the two oil storage tanks on the northeast side of the building. The tank numbers and contents are:

#2-Solvent Blend Tank U.G. (2M)
#3-Silicone Resin Tank U.G. (4M) (abandoned)
#4-Solvent Blend Tank U.G. (3M)
#5-Silicone Resin Tank U.G. (4M) (abandoned)
#1-Gasoline Tank U.G. (500 gal) (out of service)

#6-(2) No. 2 Fuel Oil Tanks U.G. (10M each)

Item 3: The regulating agency will be called the Ohio State Fire Marshall (OSFM) in all future documents. U.S.

EPA will be copied on all documents prepared in

response to this work.

Item 4: The tank(s) failing the 0.1 gal/hr leak test will be 5,6,7 reported to the OSFM within the time period required by the regulations. If repairs are needed on any of

the tanks, a permit will be obtained from the OSFM. If closure is necessary, guidance will be obtained from OSFM on proper closure methods and the OSFM will be notified 30 days prior to beginning closure activity. All closure activities will follow

Federal and State guidelines.

Item 8: Additional interim measure activity can be discussed after more information about the USTs is developed. As stated previously, our preference is to pursue the RFI in order to define overall corrective

measures rather than to approach the site on a piecemeal basis.

To date, we have submitted an application for a closure permit, a lagoon closure plan and a treatability study on the lagoon sludges to OEPA. In addition, we have submitted a report on interim measure activity already completed, the groundwater assessment plan and report and the RFI/CMS work plan to U.S. EPA. As we have stated before, we believe that both our and the Agency goals can best be achieved by an overall site response.

We will be happy to participate in additional discussions on this matter. Please contact Kevin Krause at (212) 878-5769 or H. G. Byer at (215) 344-3643 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

ROY F. WESTON, INC.

Harold G. Byer, Jr,

Project Manager

HGB/lam

cc: K. Krause - AHP

J. Shingleton - EKCO

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OCT 1 2 1990

Mr. Thomas Shingleton EKCO Housewares, Inc. P.O. Box 560 Massillon. Ohio 44648-0560

Mr. Kevin Krause American Home Products Corporation 685 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017

Re: Approval of Interim Measures
Workplan
EKCO Housewares
OHD 045 205 424

Dear Messrs. Shingleton and Krause:

On August 24, 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) received two copies of the American Home Products (AHP) Interim Measures Workplan for the underground storage tanks (USTs).

Also, on August 29, 1990, the U.S. EPA received a report from EKCO Housewares stating that the underground storage tanks at the facility never contained contaminants of concern.

After review of the EKCO Housewares report, the U.S. EPA has determined that the tanks could be sources of contamination. The high levels of volatile organic contaminants (VOC's) found in the soil gas survey and soil borings could be the result of the leakage of the products stored in the USTs, therefore, the U.S. EPA is requiring interim measures to be conducted at the site.

The U.S. EPA approves the workplan with the following modifications:

- 1. The tightness test must be capable of determining a 0.1 gallon per hour leak for both the tanks and the ancillary equipment;
- Indicate which tanks will be tested;
- 3. Change the reference from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to the Ohio State Fire Marshall (OSFM). The OSFM is the regulating agency:

- 4. If a tank fails a leak test at 0.1gl/h leak rate, then it must be reported to OSFM within 24 hours of discovery;
- 5. If repairs are needed on tanks, EKCO must obtain a permit from OSFM prior to beginning repairs;
- 6. If closure is required of the tanks, OSFM must be notified 30 days prior to the beginning of tank closure. OSFM will the provide guidance on how to properly close a tank.

Closure of a tank in place is highly unusual, unless the tank removal would interfere with the structure of the building;

- 7. All closure activities must be completed in accordance with Federal and State requirements or guidelines: and
- 8. If a leak is detected from the UST's, further interim measure activities may be required.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Sally Averill at (312) 886-4439.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Muno, Chief RCRA Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

bcc: Gerald Phillips, UST

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August 29, 1990

OFFICE OF RCRA Waste Management Division

Ms. Sally Averill U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V 230 South Dearborn Street 5HR-12 Chicago, Illinois 60604

> Re: Ekco Housewares Inc. Massillon, Ohio

Dear Ms. Averill:

In response to EPA Region V's request for proposals for interim remedial measures at this facility and the IRM plan relating to underground storage tanks submitted last Friday, August 24, 1990, by American Home Products Corporation, I am submitting a report demonstrating that the underground storage tanks involved have never contained contaminants of concern.

Consistent with your communications last week with Steven Oster and Cameron Kerry, counsel for AHP and Ekco respectively, therefore, I understand that the underground storage tanks will not be considered an appropriate subject of interim measures.

Sincerely,

EKCO HOUSEWARES, INC.

Plant Manager

Thomas/J

TJS/1m

CC: Harold Byer
Steven Oster
Jeffrey Weinstein
Cameron Kerry
Ron Fox

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UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - MASSILLON PLANT

TANK NO.	CAPACITY (GAL.)	YEAR INSTALLED	CURRENT SUBSTANCE	DID TANK CONTAIN ANOTHER SUBSTANCE	LOCATION TO BUILDING
1	500	1981	Gasoline Empty - (Abandoned) 1989	No	South
2	2,500	1980	Thinner Solvent (1) For Silicone	No	Southwest
3	4,000	1983	Never In Use	No	Southwest
4	3,000	1983	Thinner Solvent (1) For Silicone	No	West
5	4,000	1983	Never In Use	No	West
6 A	10,000	1974	Empty - No2 - Abandoned Fuel Oil 1985	No	East
6B	10,000	1974	Empty - Abandoned 1985	No '	East
7	500	1961	Kerosene Empty - (Removed) 1985	No	East

⁽¹⁾ Solvent Package Is Comprised Of: (By Weight) 49.5% Naptha

^{33.0%} Isobutyl Isobutyrate

^{17.5%} Toluene

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EXHIBIT I - Affidavit James O. Epps

EXHIBIT II - Purchase Order For Storage Tank Numbers
2, 3, 4 and 5. Purchase Orders Or Other
Documents For Tanks No. 1, 6 & 7 Are
Available.

EXHIBIT III - Purchase Requisition Form For Purchase
Of Silicone Solvent Stored In Tanks No. 2
and 4 From Original Installation In
April, 1980 To Present.

EXHIBIT IV - Inventory Records - Receipt And Usage Of
Solvent Blend From 1986 To Present.
Records From 1980 To 1986 Have Been
Destroyed.

(Exhibit IV Records Will Be Forwarded Via Mail With Hard Copy)

AFFIDAVIT

I, James O. Epps, have been employed at Ekco Housewares, Inc., Massillon, Ohio, since July 17, 1950 in various managerial positions. I have been Chief Engineer since 1970. All the underground storage tanks located at Massillon, Ohio facility have been installed since I have been employed at the facility. I am familiar with the uses and contents of these tanks. To the best of my knowledge, during the entire period since they were installed, all of the tanks have been used only for storage of petroleum products or thinner comprised of Naptha, Isbutyl Isobutyrate and Toluene, and no other substances, as follows:

This 500 gallon tank was installed in 1981 to store gasoline and to the best of my knowledge was never used to store any other substance. The tank was emptied and abandoned in 1988.

This 2,500 gallon tank was installed in 1980 and observed by the City Fire Marshal's office. The tank has contained since that year only the thinner for silicone comprised of (by weight) 49.5% Naptha, 33.0% Isobutyl Isobutyrate and 17.5% Toluene, and to the best of my knowledge was never used to store any other substance.

Tanks No. 3 and 5. These two 4,000 gallon tanks were installed in 1983 for the purpose of housing a new formulation of silicone which was never developed, and to the best of my knowledge these tanks have never been used for any substance since this original installation in 1983.

Tank No. 4. This 3,000 gallon tank was installed in 1983 and observed by the City Fire Marshal's office. The tank has contained since that year only, the thinner for silicone comprised of (by weight) 49.5% Naptha, 33.0% Isobutyl Isobutyrate and 17.5% Toluene, and to the best of my knowledge was never used to store any other substance.

Tanks No. 6A and 6B. These two 10,000 gallon tanks were purchased and installed in 1974 for the purpose of storing No. 2 Fuel Oil to provide an energy source to two (2) converted gas fired low pressure boilers used for manufacturing process. These tanks were emptied and abandoned in 1985, and to the best of my knowledge have never contained any substance other than No. 2 Fuel Oil.

Tank No. 7. This 500 gallon tank to store kerosene was installed in 1961. This tank was emptied and removed from the ground in 1985. To the best of my knowledge it never contained any other substance than kerosene.

SIGNED:

JAMES O. EPPS

CHIEF ENGINEER

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EKCO HOUSEWARES COMPANY

DIVISION OF AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS CORPORATION-

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Ms. Sally Averill Project Manager U.S. EPA Region 5 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604

W.O. #2994-02-02

IRM UST Work Plan

EKCO Housewares, Massillon, OH

Dear Ms. Averill:

At the direction of American Home Products (AHP), WESTON is submitting an IRM Work Plan requested in the EPA letter of 13 July 1990. The Work Plan addresses the management and characterization of all Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) present at the EKCO site and is the result of our conference call on 26 July 1990.

One of the IRM activities addressed during our conference call involved a discussion on the use of vacuum extraction, sometimes known as in-situ volitization (ISV). While we have, at your request, given careful thought to utilizing ISV at this time we are not presently proposing ISV as the IRM step. This is due to a number of factors, including:

- There may be other technologies available to treat the area of concern and these alternatives would need to be addressed in the CMS.
- ISV cannot be used at every site. Without a detailed pilot study considering site subsurface conditions (porosity, permeability), proper spacing of an array of vents and the properties of the compounds to be extracted, ISV at this time seems premature.
- An imminent threat to human health at the EKCO site does not appear to be a problem.
- A RFI/CMS Work Plan is under review by the Agency. The intent of the RFI/CMS program is to analyze and select the most feasible alternative to correct environmental problems at the site. The CMS usually details the available and preferred options for remediation at a site and will include the use of ISV as a remedial measure. The CMS should properly be utilized in this manner.

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Ms. Sally Averill U.S. EPA Region 5

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Therefore, the attached UST management plan, to include tank testing and the possible removal of USTs, is presented based on the results of our previous discussion. Please contact either Mr. Kevin Krause at (212) 878-5092 or Mr. H. G. Byer at (215) 344-3643 if there are any additional concerns or if we can answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

ROY F. WESTON, INC.

Harold G. Byer, Jr.

Project Manager

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cc: K. Krause - AHP

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August 10, 1990

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Sally Averill United States Environmental Protection Agency 230 South Dearborn Street 5HR-12 Chicago, Illinois 60604

> Re: EKCO Housewares, Inc.

Massillon, Ohio

Dear Sally:

This is to confirm that EKCO's time to submit an Interim Measures Plan regarding the tanks has been extended to and including Friday, August 24, 1990.

Very truly yours,

Steve Oster

Geraldine A. Moss, Esquire Cameron Kerry, Esquire Mr. Kevin Krause

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Sally Averill United States Environmental Protection Agency 230 South Dearborn Street 5HR-12 Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: EKCO Housewares, Inc.

Massillon, Ohio

Dear Sally:

This is to confirm that EKCO's time to submit an Interim Measures Plan regarding the tanks has been enlarged by a period of fifteen (15) days.

Very truly yours,

Steve Oster

cc: Geraldine A. Moss, Esquire Cameron Kerry, Esquire

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas Shingleton EKCO Housewares, Inc. P.O. Box 560 Massillon. Ohio 44648-0560

Mr. Timothy McGuinness American Home Products Corporation 685 Third Avenue New York, New York 10017

> Re: Request for Interim Measures EKCO Housewares OHD 045 205 424

Dear Messrs. McGuinness and Shingleton:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed material submitted in your Remedial Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study (RFI/CMS) workplan and in your Groundwater Quality Assessment Report and has determined that interim measures are needed at the above cited facility.

The concentration of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) found in soil borings SB-11 and SB-13 (90,082 ppb and 140,168 ppb respectively) and results from the soil gas survey indicates that the old tank farm area is a current or potential threat to human health and the environment.

In a conversation between Sally Averill and Tim McGuinness on June 22, 1990, Tim indicated that the tanks in the old tank farm area had not been removed and that one of the tanks may still be in use. Based on the above information, the U.S. EPA has reason to believe that interim measures are necessary in the old tank farm area to reduce the VOC concentration in the soil. Pursuant to Section IV, Paragraph A of the Consent Order issued under Section 3008(h) of RCRA, EKCO Housewares must submit to U.S. EPA for approval within ten (10) days of receipt of this notification, an Interim Measures Workplan to mitigate this potential threat to human health and the environment at the old tank farm area.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Sally Averill at (312) 886-4439.

Sincerely yours,

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WILLIAM E. Muno, Chief RCRA Enforcement Branch

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Mily McGaffness, Manager Frammental Engineering 5 Third Avenue lew York, New York 10017-4085

> Re: Ecke Housen MD 045 205 424

Dear Mr. McGuiness:

to have reviewed Ekco Housewares, Inc.'s Braft Interio Manageres Plan (IMP) which was received by the United States Environmental Probection Age (0.5. EPA) on December 9, 1987. Some revisions as decation below will be secessary before your plan can be accepted by the U.S. EM.

This Agency, after consultation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), has decided not to address the National Pollstant Discharge Eligination System (MPDES) violations as detailed in Nr. New Feweri's Acceber 28, 1987, letter to Mr. Shingleton as an Corrective Action Green interim measure. Furthermore, the testing and flow analysis requested by W. Pauell is not depitcative of any activities correctly under my pursue to the Movember 9, 1987, Partial Consent Agreement and Order.

The following revisions shall be incorporated into your securin Measures Plans

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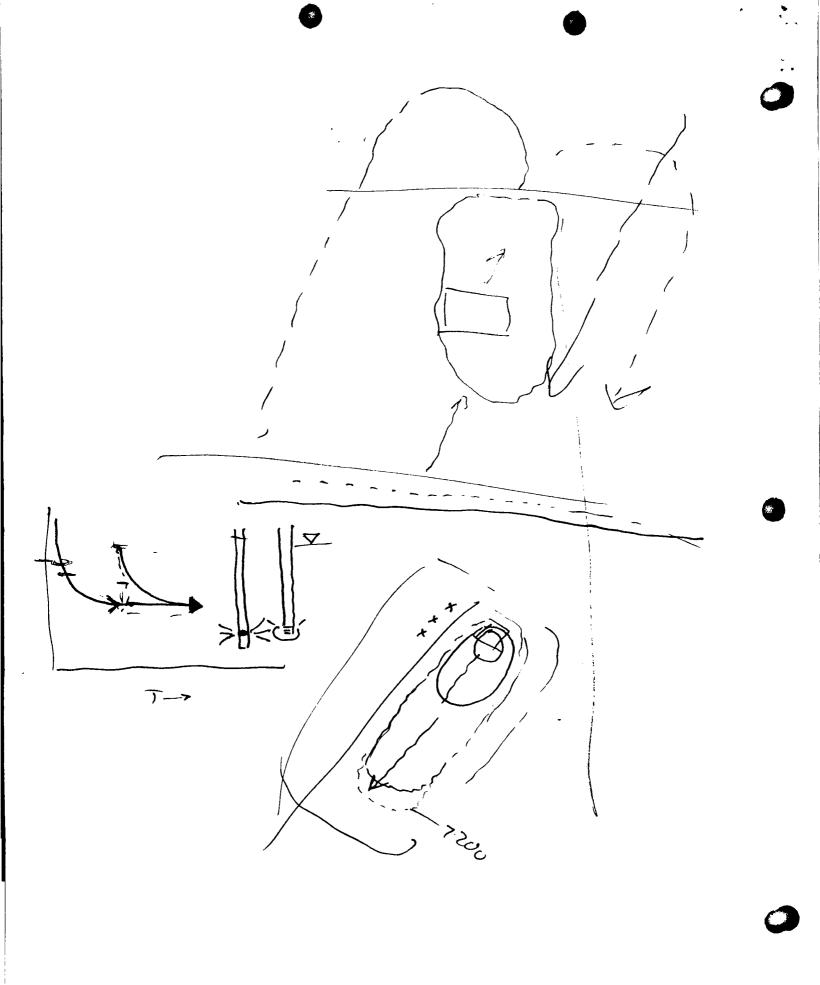
SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL INTERIM MEASURES, EKCO PLANT, MASSILLON, OHIO

Schedule

- 1. Increased pumpage of W-10:
 - A. Receive 400 gpm pump week of 3/7/88
 - B. Install new pump week of 3/14/88
 - C. Pump test to establish optimum pump rate weeks of 3/21/88 and 3/28/88
 - D. Operational week of 4/4/88
- 2. Sampling of Ohio Water Company well #1, 2, 3, and 5:
 - A. Begin monthly sampling of wells week of 2/8/88
 - B. Sample monthly second week of each month
 - C. Reassess sampling schedule after receipt of three round of analytical results
- 3. Installation of 3 piezometers
 - A. Obtain access to neighboring properties: If access cannot be obtained by EKCO by 1 March, USEPA will be requested to assist in obtaining access
 - B. Mobilize well drillers within 3 weeks of obtaining property access
 - C. Drilling and installation 1 week
 - D. Survey and water level measurements 1 week following installation

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Interim Measures at Ekco Housewares

(1) The Ohio Water Service well field containing wells 1, 2 and 3 located about 3,000 feed northeast of the Ekco facility should be sampled monthly. The samples should be analyzed for low levels (less that 1ppb) of the chlorinated hydrocarbons listed in Table 1, using EPA approved SW 846 method 8010 in conjuction with a purge-and-trap method (Method 5030).

(2) I

The pumping rate of the industrial process wells at the Ekco facility should be increased from the current rate of about 350 gal/min to 600 gal/min to help reduce any additional contaminant migration off-site. The excess water generated by the increased pumping rates can be sent to the on-site air stripper for processing. The air stripper is designed to reduce a maximum concentration of 40,000 ppb/l VOC's to 200 ppb/l VOC's in water at a 600 gal/min flow rate. By creating a hydraulic low beneath the Ekco facility, any contaminants present in the groundwater in that vicinity would be induced to flow toward the facility's process wells.

Ohio Water Service well 4 should be reactivated and pumped to waste. By resuming the pumping of OSW well 4 a local hydraulic low would be established in the vicinity of the Ekco plant. The cone of depression created by pumping OSW well 4 to waste would possibly alter the direction of ground-water movement from northeast to east in the plant area, away from the OSW well field containing wells 1, 2, and 3. The change in the ground-water flow direction would help prevent the migration of the contaminants to the well field.

(4) A door-to-door ground-water use survey should be conducted in the vicinity of the Ekco facility as soon as possible. The focus of the survey should be on whether the home or business inventoried has a water well and if so, whether the water is used for drinking, cooking, washing, or industrial purposes.



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(5) Ground water monitoring well clusters should be installed between the Ekco facility and OWS wells 1, 2 and 3. The well clusters are to be used to monitor the full thickness of the sand and gravel aquifer. They should be sampled monthly to detect any contaminant migration toward the OWS well field.

If contamination of the ground water is detected in the monitoring (intercept) well clusters, the well should be pumped to waste. This should help decrease the likelihood of contaminants reaching the OWS well field. Also, this would increase contaminant removal from the ground water.